

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Labor and Workforce Development Assistive Technology Component Budget Summary

Component: Assistive Technology

Contribution to Department's Mission

This component contributes to the department's mission by providing a comprehensive statewide program of technology related assistance for individuals with disabilities.

Core Services

- Provide grant funds to maintain a statewide comprehensive service delivery system for persons with disabilities to access assistive technology services and/or devices.
- Provide public awareness, outreach and training to government agencies, community organizations and employers on the use of assistive technology by individuals to promote personal independence and employment.
- Administer low interest loans to individuals with disabilities to purchase assistive technology devices.

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2010 Component Budget: \$632,900

Personnel:

Full time	1
Part time	0
Total	1

Key Component Challenges

The Assistive Technology Act of 2004 was signed into law by President Bush on October 25, 2004. The division is responsible for interpreting changes in the law as it may apply to the Alaska Assistive Technology program and implementing these changes through the development of a State Plan for Assistive Technology Services.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

As a result of the Assistive Technology (AT) Act of 2004, we will be entering a new three-year state plan for assistive technology that will be effective through October of 2010. The division will continue to contract for the majority of the statewide assistive technology services through Assistive Technology Library of Alaska. This new plan focuses on making specific measurable improvements in helping individuals with disabilities access and acquire a variety of assistive technology in four (4) specific areas: Education, Employment, Community Living and Information Technology & Telecommunications. The grant proposes a total of eight specific benchmarks of improvement in each of these areas so that by October of 2010, we will make substantive improvements in increasing the percentage of individuals who access and acquire this technology. This information will be tracked and input into the Rehabilitation Service Administration management information system. The statewide assistive Technology advisory committee continues to provide guidance over these efforts.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

During the past year the major focus of our Assistive Technology (AT) activities continues to be through our contract with the Assistive Technology Library of Alaska (ATLA) in the areas of education, employment, community living and information technology throughout Alaska. As a result of this contract, consumers with disabilities of all ages have increased access and acquisition to assistive technology through significant awareness activities and events, demonstrations of equipment, training, technical assistance and collaboration and coordination with an increasing number of partners.

Specific accomplishments include:

ATLA took the lead in organizing the first statewide AT Conference in August of 2007 that included over 300 participants from dozens of organizations across Alaska. This conference allowed participants across Alaska to learn from national AT experts regarding best practices in utilizing AT for consumers with disabilities. In addition, AT vendors from across the country demonstrated some of the latest AT devices throughout this three-day conference.

In addition, ATLA launched a new collaborative statewide AT web-resource called the Alaska AT Trading post. This website offers a service that connects people and organizations with available AT and durable medical equipment to Alaskans who could benefit from it. The Alaska Trading Post is a searchable web-based database that provides Alaskans access to technology that may be located anywhere in the state. This resource includes a variety of features that help individuals find and acquire AT inexpensively.

ATLA continues to improved access to AT with the Independent Living Centers around the state and continues to support their demonstration centers with technology and ongoing training. For example, ATLA worked closely with Independent Living Centers in developing the Alaska AT Trading Post through collaboration with them and many other agencies.

ATLA also continues to market to telecommunication companies statewide and is also focusing awareness on computer stores and information technology staff in schools and businesses.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Federal Authority:
PL 100-407

Technology Related Assistance for Individuals with
Disabilities Act

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**Assistive Technology
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	37.7	113.3	49.5
72000 Travel	8.2	22.6	22.6
73000 Services	4.9	35.0	35.0
74000 Commodities	0.0	5.8	5.8
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	421.2	453.4	520.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	472.0	630.1	632.9
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	376.0	460.4	461.4
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	96.0	169.7	171.5
Funding Totals	472.0	630.1	632.9

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	376.0	460.4	461.4
Interagency Receipts	51015	96.0	169.7	171.5
Restricted Total		472.0	630.1	632.9
Total Estimated Revenues		472.0	630.1	632.9

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	0.0	460.4	169.7	630.1
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-FY2010 Wage and Health Insurance Increases for Bargaining Units with Existing Agreements	0.0	1.0	1.8	2.8
FY2010 Governor	0.0	461.4	171.5	632.9

**Assistive Technology
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor		
Full-time	1	1	Annual Salaries	32,727
Part-time	0	0	COLA	1,313
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	15,619
			<i>Less 0.32% Vacancy Factor</i>	(159)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	1	1	Total Personal Services	49,500

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Prog Coordinator	0	0	1	0	1
Totals	0	0	1	0	1